

## Relocations Must Be Held To Minimum

# Interstate Net Will Follow Existing Roads

Consulting engineers have been engaged by the State Highway Department to study the locations for future improvements on Virginia's 1,000-mile system of interstate roads.

The New York firm, Howard,

Needles, Tamman and Bergendoff, also will prepare estimates for the cost of constructing one interstate highway to new standards required as a result of the recently-enacted federal-aid highway act. The consultants' report, the Highway De-

partment said, is due by December 1 and will form the basis of a report which the Department must make to the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads by next January 1.

Highway Department officials have estimated that, as a result of the new standards, relocations will have to be made on sections of some interstate roads. However, F. A. Davis, chief engineer for the Department, said that, as required by the Federal Highway Act, existing routes will be followed "wherever this is practical and feasible."

### Some Relocation

In areas where there is considerable strip development along the existing road relocations probably will have to be made, he stated. "It is our hope," he added, "that the new road in most instances can be kept close enough to the existing highway so that commercial establishments along the existing road will be reasonably accessible to traffic using the interstate route."

He emphasized that after the completion of the preliminary studies public hearings will be held so that all interested citizens can express their views on the proposed improvements.

The new Federal highway act provides for the building of the interstate system in Virginia and also increases slightly yearly appropriations for other highways in the state—primary, secondary and urban. Standards set for interstate highways are designed to meet the needs of traffic forecast for 1975 and will incorporate the most modern features of safety and utility to provide for safer driving and economy of motor vehicle operation.

**Controlled Access**  
Access on these roads will be controlled and facilities will be planned to enable vehicles to enter the highway safely. Grade separation structures will be built to carry intersecting roads over or under interstate routes. All of the system in Virginia will consist of divided highways with four or more traffic lanes.

Medians divider strips on the divided highways will be at least 36 feet wide, but in urban and in mountainous areas a minimum of

15 feet will be permitted. Where unusual conditions exist, the median may be reduced to not less than four feet.

Davis said that it would be impossible to go ahead with any of the interstate projects until after the first of the year. He explained that the "protect priority" will be determined "primarily on the basis of need—the volume of traffic in relation to existing facilities." He indicated that the first actual construction work under the new program should be underway by next spring.

Interstate highways in Virginia include U. S. 11, 1, 55, 29-211, 86A and U. S. 11, 1, 55, 29-211, 168 and sections of 250, 60 and 301.

## Chapman, Jones Get Navy Assignments

Stephen B. Chapman and William Billy Jones, of Farmville, who received Navy boot training together under the "buddy plan," have ended a furlough at their homes.

Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Chapman, left Friday for Bainbridge Naval Station, where he will undergo a special 12-week school as a hospital corpsman.

Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, left Sunday for the Naval Station at Great Lakes, where he will enter an electrician school.

### "FRIEND" AND CAR MISSING

Baltimore, Md.—Mrs. Mildred B. Johnson, a Negro, loaned her 1956 red-and-ivory automobile to a new friend she met at a party and she hasn't seen the car or the friend since. She told police she did not know the "friend's" name.

## Weekly . . .

# FARM PRICE OUTLOOK

This is the way prospects for Virginia farm prices looked to the Virginia Department of Agriculture on Friday. The Department offers it to farmers with the warning that no one can predict prices and be right all the time.

### Hogs

With the price peak behind us, it looks advisable to send hogs to market just as soon as they are ready, the earlier the better.

Looking ahead a bit, the big part of the price decline may come earlier this year than last for two reasons, the pig crop was a little earlier, and producers seem to have begun already to move hogs to market as early as possible. Weight averages are down a little from August. Slaughter should taper off some sooner than last year, probably in late November.

With an eight per cent smaller pig crop, however, prices will stay on a higher level than last year. But hogs are going to meet a lot of competition from other meats this year, much of it right at the time when some slow-up in heavy hog receipts might take place in late November and December.

Prices mostly declined last week. Western markets were 25 cents lower at \$16 to \$16.25; Virginia auctions, 20 cents lower at \$16.85; and Baltimore 50 cents lower at \$17-\$17.50. Richmond yards showed the only improvement, 25 cents up at \$16.75 to \$17.

With fewer hogs in prospect for next year, now's the time to think about saving out a reasonable number of cubs for next year, which may be the best year since 1954.

### Broilers

Now's the time for the broiler producer with an efficiency contract to be thankful. There's not much encouragement in sight for broiler prices for some time to come. The total supply is now 25 per cent above last year. And while the supply line is going down a little at a time, still the spread between this year and last is widening, so there'll be 30 per cent or so more than last year by October. And along about now consumption begins to decline steadily, especially with cool weather.

Virginia is in a dip in local supply—now down to about four per cent below last year and will get further below—but it won't affect the price much, if any.

Virginia prices last week were 17-18 cents, with mostly 17 to 17 1/2 cents at the end of the week. North Carolina averaged 17 cents, while Georgia dipped to 16-17 cents. Delaware, 18 to 18 1/4 cents.

In the long look, egg set has begun to decline in relation to last

year, but is still about 20 per cent greater.

### Eggs

Don't look for egg prices from now to the end of the year to go up as far as last year nor as fast. Two per cent more layers, producing maybe three to four per cent more eggs, will push the egg supply up and they'll be coming to market earlier than they did last year.

Supply this year may revert a little to the 1954 trend of leveled-out production which put a brake on prices late in the year. Lower prices in the fall of 1954 evidently slowed down production in 1955, but this year we may be back on the track again. There probably won't be the price unevenness of 1954, but too there probably won't be the swift rise of last year.

Quality in eggs will count from now on, and this is a good time to consider culling out low producers.

### Cattle

Results from Virginia's first feeder cattle sale, held in Dublin, show good and better steers bringing \$19 to \$20.50. Fancy steers were sold on conformation, more than size.

Last year's average price for good and better feeder steers in graded sales was \$19.40.

In slaughter steers, there's a little hope for some price pick-up this week, although not a lot, adjusting to a Western price increase last week. Western markets were \$1 to \$2 higher for good and better fed steers, reaching a top of \$32 during the week, the highest since mid-April, 1955. Good to low choice fed steers brought \$21 to \$26.

Virginia auction average for good trade slaughter steers last week was \$19.80, down 45 cents from the previous week and a few low choice animals ran \$21 to \$23. The overall average for all steers was 25 cents off, at \$19.20.

### SAME BIRTHDAY

Denver, Col.—Betty Lou Kaiser, 10, and Joanne Kaiser, 8, celebrated their birthdays, Friday, July 13. Sister, Karen, 2, was also born on Friday the thirteenth, but her month is November.

## Well Water

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Norvell and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Southworth and son, of Richmond, were week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bransford.

Mrs. Abe Steger, who has for several weeks been a patient in University Hospital, is expected to return to her home here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Maxey and daughter, of Scottsville, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Maxey, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Templeton, of Washington, were week end visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Tapscott.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, of Richmond, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Rush.

Mrs. Annie Winfrey visited her brother, Allan Tapscott, and Mr.

and Mrs. L. C. Bransford last week.

Leroy Tapscott, who has been employed in Washington for about 20 years, is being sent by his employers to California. Mr. and Mrs. Tapscott stopped en route to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Tapscott.

Miss Olga Batista, of Centenary, who has been visiting in Florida, returned home last week.

Friends of Mrs. Sam Spencer are glad to know she has sufficiently recovered to be able to return to her home at Scottsville.

Miss Lillie Patteson and Mrs. Annie Winfrey were visitors to Charlottesville last week. They also visited Mrs. Grimstead at Crozet.

Little Elaine Maxey, of Richmond, who has been spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Greene Davis, has returned to her home to resume school.

Mrs. G. A. Baber is visiting relatives at Hatton.

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## Sharpe Family Reunion Sept. 2

A family reunion was held on September 2 at New Canton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shumaker. Among those present were Mrs. Shumaker's children, Virginia and James, also, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Woodfin, of Enonville; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hall and children, Claude, Jr., George and Barbara Jean, of Scottsville; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hodges and daughter, Ann, and Ronnie Booth, of Farmville; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sharpe and children, of New Canton; Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Thomas and children, Joyce and Linda Ann of Richmond; Mrs. Annie Thomas, of Dillwyn; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sharpe and son, R. B., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis and children, of Hampton, and Mr. and Mrs. John Sharpe, Jr., of Hampton.

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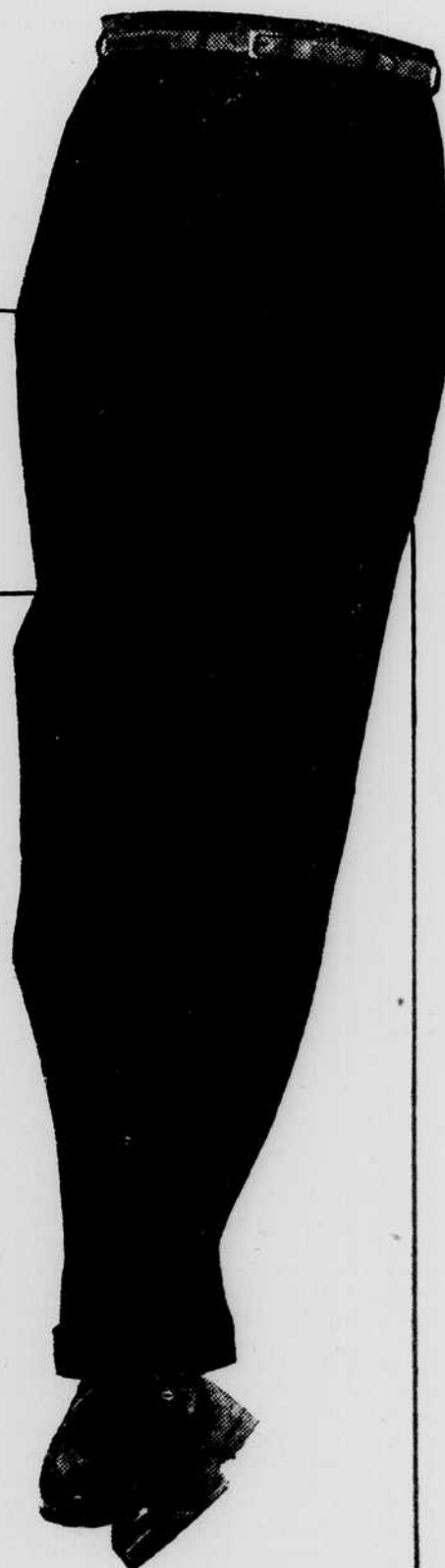
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